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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(s):	Dominick L. Mastri et al.	EXAMINER:	S. Smith
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. Applicant was notified of the Abandonment by the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 13, 2001. Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application.

Accompanying this petition are the petition fee of \$1,240.00, a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal, a check for \$710.00 for the RCE fee, and a

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on date below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EL820507615US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Dated: May 11, 2001

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preliminary amendment. Since this application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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